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MAJESTIES
SPEECH

To the GENTRY of the County of York,
attending His Majesty at the City
of Y O R K E, on Thursday
the 12. of May, 1642.

With their humble

A N S W E R,

On Friday the 13 of May, 1642.

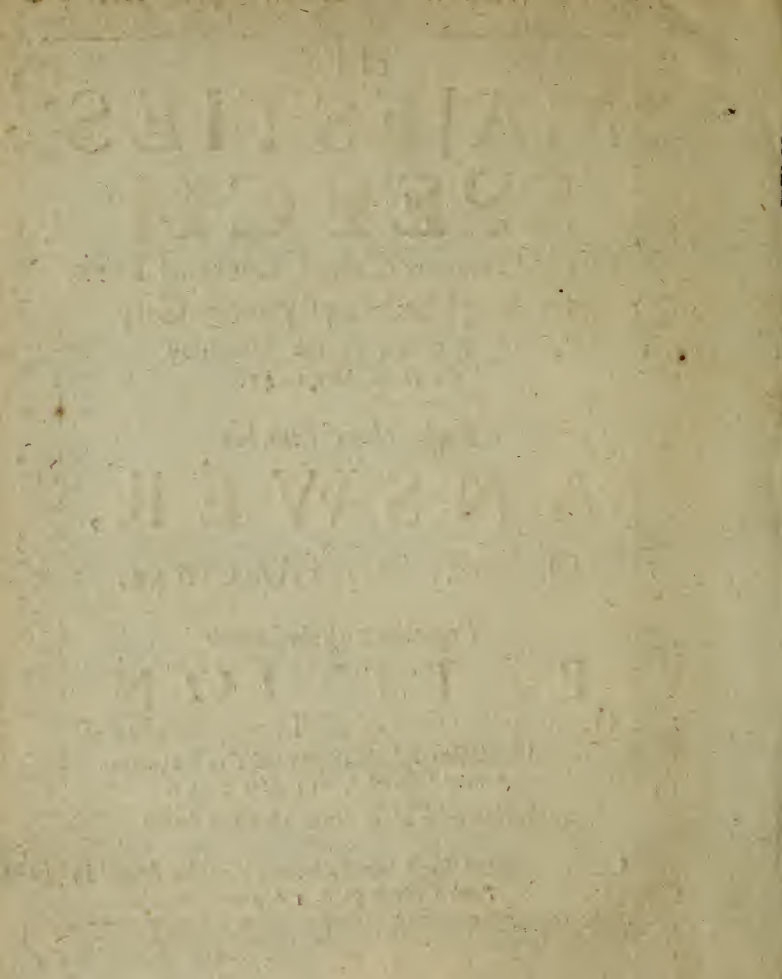
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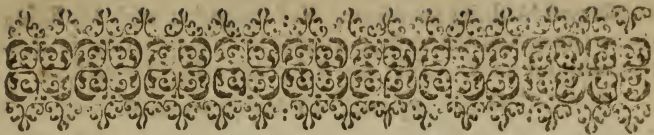
P E T I T I O N

Of many thousand faithfull and peaceably af-
fected Subjects of the County of Y O R K, who
were there Assembled, 13 May 1642.

Subscribed with about tenne thousand hands.

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HIS MAJESTIES S P E E C H

TO THE
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OF THE
County of York,

Attending His Majestie at the City of York,
on Thursday the 12. of May, 1642.

Gentlemen,

Have cause of adding, not altering, what I meant to say. When I gave out the Summons for this dayes Appearance, I little thought of these Messengers, or of such a Message as they brought, the which (because it confirms Me in what I intend to speak, and that I desire you should be truly informed of all passages between Me and [the Parliament] you shall heare read; First, My Answer to the Declaration of both Houses concerning *Hull*; The Answer of the Parliament

to My two Messages concerning *Hull*, together with My Reply to the same; And My Message to both Houses, declaring the Reasons why I refused to passe the Bill concerning the *Militia*.

All which being read, His Majesty proceeded.

I Will make no Paraphrases upon what ye have heard, it more befitting a Lawyer than a King; onely this Observation, Since Treason is countenanced so neere me, it is time to look to My safety: I avow it was part of My wonder, That men (whom I thought, heretofore, Discreet and Moderate) should have undertaken this Employment; and that since they came (I having delivered them the Answer you have heard, and commanded them to return personally with it to the Parliament) should have flatly disobeyed Me, upon pretence of the Parliaments Command. My end in telling you this, is to warn you of them; For since these men have brought Me such a Message, and disobeyed so lawfull a Command, I will not say what their intent of staying here is; onely I bid you take heed, not knowing what Doctrine of disobedience they may preach to you, under colour of obeying the Parliament.

Hitherto I have found and kept you quiet, the enjoying of which was a chiefe cause of My coming hither (Tumults and Disorders having made mee leave the South) and not to make this the Seat of a Warre, as Malice would (but I hope in vaine) make you believe; Now if Disturbances do come, I know whom I have reason to suspect.

To be short, you see that My Magazine is going to be taken away from Me (being My own proper goods) directly against my will: The *Militia* (against Law and my consent) is going to be put in execution: And lastly, Sir *John Horbams* Treason is countenanced: All this considered; none can blame mee to apprehend Dangers. Therefore I have thought fit (upon these reall Grounds) to tell you, That I am resolved

to have a Guard (the Parliament having had one all this while upon imaginary Jealousies) onely to secure my Person ; In which I desire your concurrence and assistance, and that I may be able to protect you, the Lawes, and the true Protestant Profession from any Affront or Injury that may be offered, which I mean to maintaine My Selfe, without charge to the Countrey, intending no longer to keep them on foot, than I shall be secured of My just Apprehensions, by having satisfaction in the particulars before mentioned.



The Humble

A N S V V E R

Of the

GENTRY OF THE COUNTY

Of Y O R K to his M A J E S T I E S Speech

on Thursday, May 12. 1642.

May it please your most excellent Majestie,

THE propositions delivered to us yesterday are of so high concernment to the weale and peace of the Kingdome, and doe so neerely touch upon the affections and fidelity of all your Subjects in generall, as we being but a part of one County only, doe not conceive it safe for us to advise therein, but rather humbly to beseech your Majesty to impart the grounds of your Majesties Fears and Jealousies, to your high Court of Parliament ; of whose most Loyall care and affection to your Majesties Honour and Safety, and the Prosperity of your Majesties Subjects

and Dominions, wee are most confident ; and whatsoever shall be advised by your Great Councell, therein, we shall most willingly embrace, and give our concurrence and assistance to it, as shall become us ; in whose fidelity and affection your Majesty hath often declared a speciall trust : And albeit we doe not presume to advise your Majesty in that particular, being of transcendent consequence ; Neverthelesse in the behalfe of those Members of Parliament, lately employed to attend your Majesty from both Houses, being all of them Gentlemen of quality and estate in this County, and trusted to serve in that most Honourable Assembly, We humbly crave your Majesties leave to expresse our confidence in their unstained Loyaltie and Affection to your Majesty, to be such as your Majesty may securely admit their attendance to Negotiate in their employments untill they be recalled by the Parliament : And for their fidelity, we doe all ingage our selves to your Majesty ; and we are most assured that your Royall Person shall be secured in the generall Fidelity of your Subjects of this County without any extraordinary Guard.

To

To the Kings Most Excellent Maiesty.

The Humble P E T I T I O N

Of many thousand faithfull and peaceably affected
Subjects of the County of *York*, who were there
assembled, May 13. 1642.

Humbly sheweth,

THat many of your Petitioners, being in their last desire of petitioning your Majesty, denied access, kept back with violence, and received great affronts from some that have dependance on your Majesty and others there assembled, yet no provocation could remove them from their patience and duty; which proceedings are taken more to heart, your Petitioners conceiving it undeniable that they have an interest in the Common-wealth, and are as dutifull and loyall Subjects to your Majesty, as whomsoever, though divers of them have been since uncivilly pressed by some, in your Majesties name, to subscribe a paper, stiled *The humble Answer to your Majesties Proposition*, and threatned thereto (upon which blows followed) that when your Majesties Army should be on foot, those shall be first pillaged that refused such subscription, which we humbly conceive are positively contrary to your Majesties owne expression, and is to the high dishonour of your Majesty, and the great affrightment and disturbance of your Majesties leige people.

Therefore your Petitioners, having too just cause to feare your Majesties royall heart is still endangered to bee possessed
with

with some distaste of your Petitioners, humbly supplicate your Majesty to conceive better things of them, and to cast your eye upon the present State of this your Kingdome; that as your Majesty hath often declared your affections to this County, so your love might be now expressed in preserving the peace thereof; and that your Majesty would admit of a right Information of the cleare intention of your Petitioners, who are confident that no so absolute and hearty observance to your Majesties just commands can be demonstrated, as what your Majesty in Parliament shall declare: which if it become divided (which God forbid) our hearts even tremble to consider the danger and diminution of the Honour and safety of your Majesty, posterity, and Kingdome will be unavoidably be put upon, since it is cleare to every understanding, that it is not a divided part of one or severall Counties that can afford that Honour and safety to your Majesty, as the whole Kingdom, which you may command; no ground or feare of danger remaining if a good confidence were begot between your Majesty and Parliament, whose grave and loyall Councill, as wee humbly conceive, the visible way, under God, to put a speedy end to the troubles of *Ireland*, and to establish your Throne in Righteousness.

And lastly, your Petitioners doe most humbly supplicate, that we may represent our unfitnessse to become Judges between your Majesty and Parliament in any thing, or to dispute the authority of either, which they humbly conceive do fortifie each other, it being most unfit for them to act any thing therein but by their prayers for a right understanding betweene your Majesty and them, which we shall heartily do, and also for your Majesties long and prosperous Reigne; and as we are bound by our late Protestation, shall be ready to maintaine your Majesties just Rights, the Priviledges and power of Parliament, and the lawfull Liberties of the Subjects.